# Opportunities in Optoelectronics

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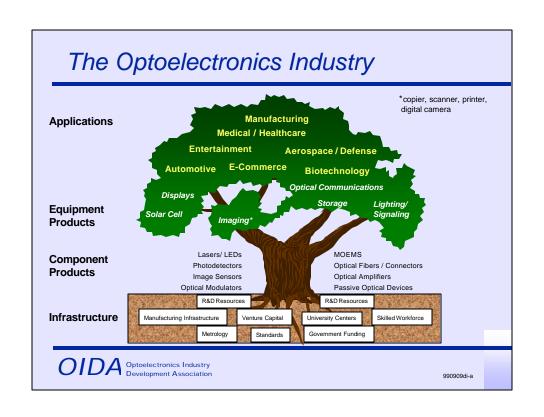


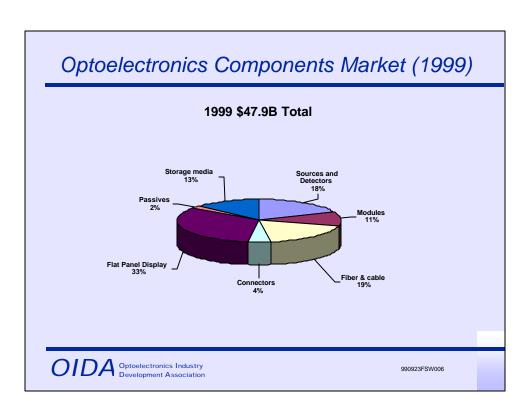
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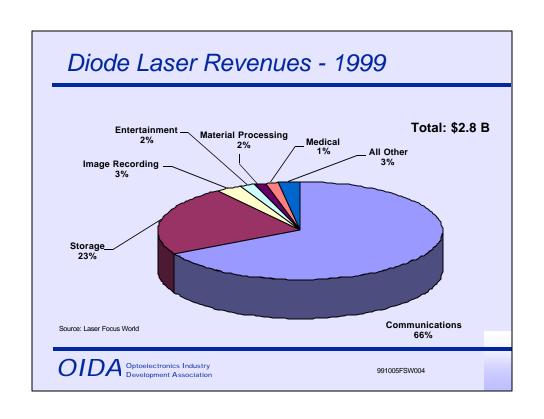
## Outline

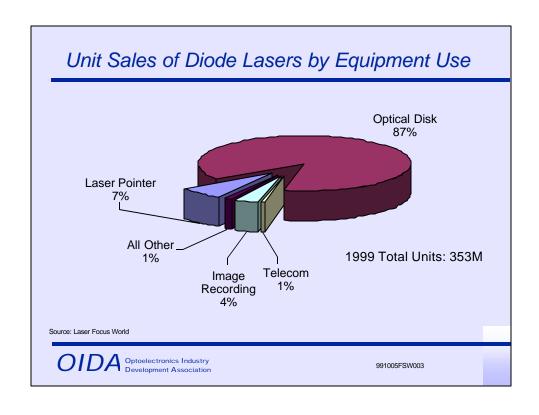
- The Optoelectronics Industry
  - ➤ Products and Applications
  - ➤ Markets Review
  - ➤ Future Opportunities
- Competitiveness Issues
  - Manufacturing
  - Cooperation and Competition

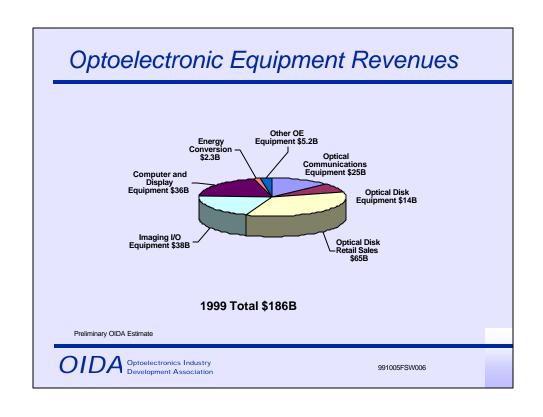


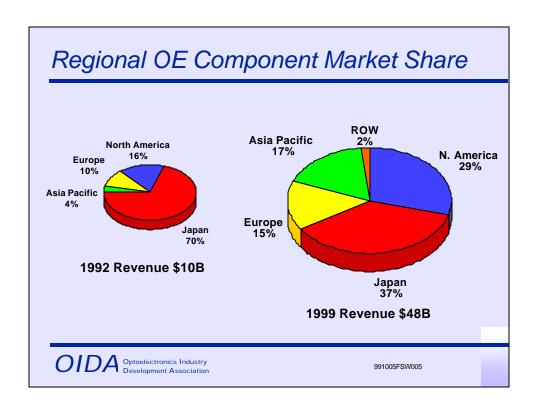


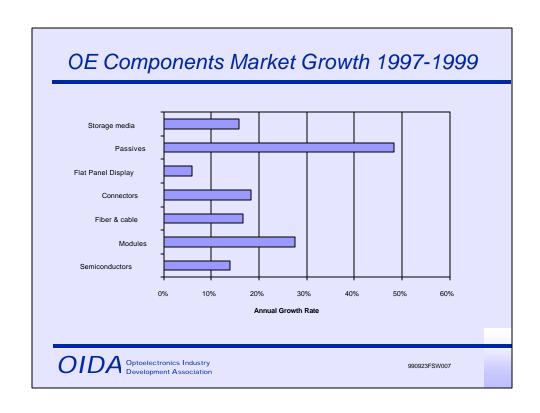








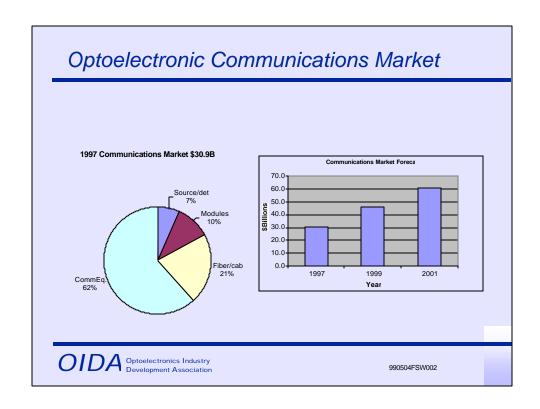




### OE Product Growth Areas

- Communications
  - Dense Wave Division Multiplexing
  - ➤ LANs and Access
- Imaging
  - ➤ Computer peripherals
  - Digital Imaging
- Optical Storage
  - ➤ DVD
  - ➤ Rewritable disks
- Display
  - ➤ Flat panel monitors
  - ➤ Handheld and Small Displays

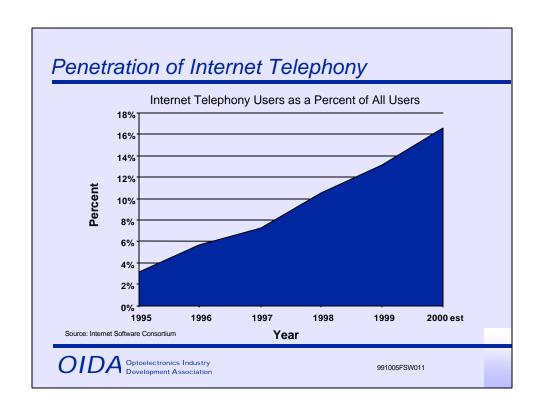


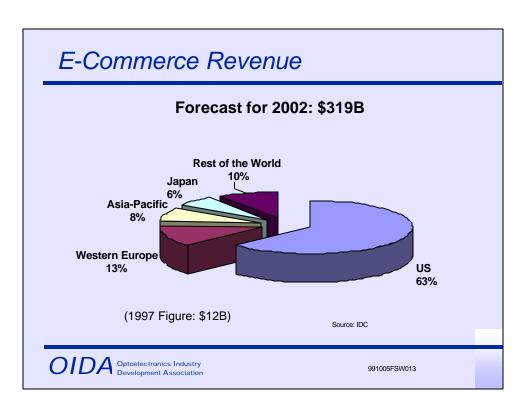


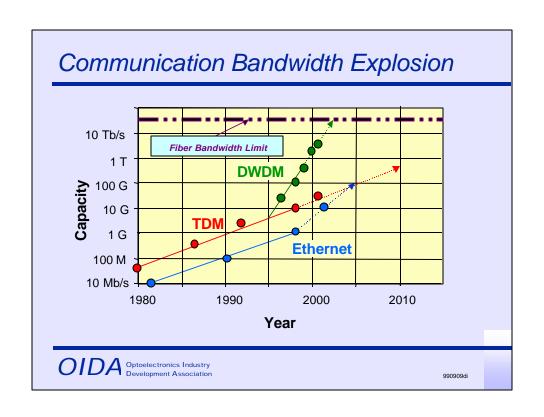
### Market Drivers for Communications

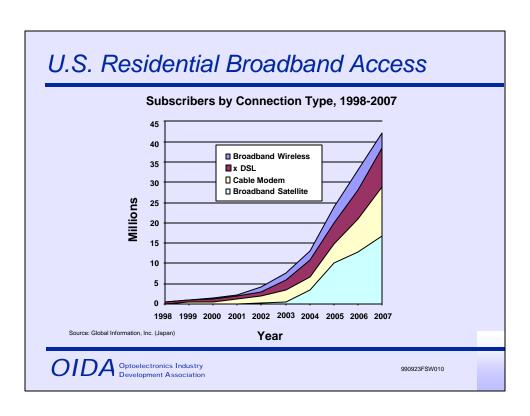
- Internet use increases demand on core network
- DWDM (favors electronics over additional fiber)
- Data network expansion
- Beginnings of access deployment

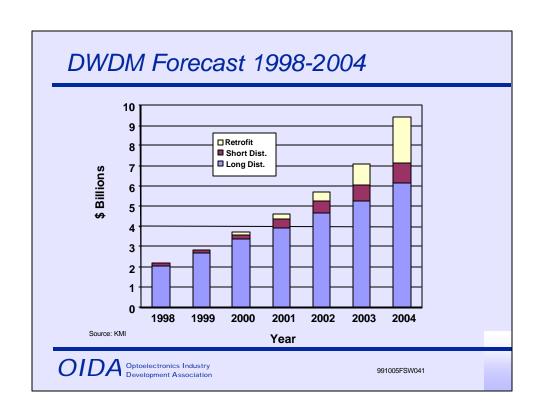


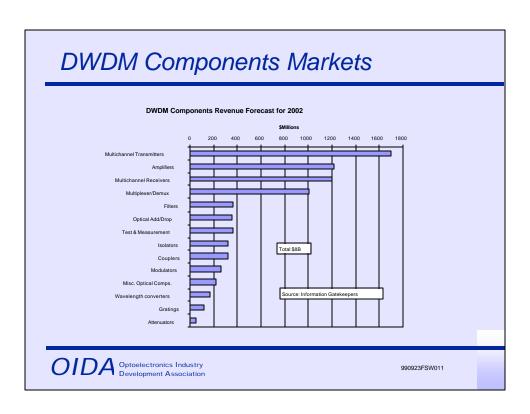


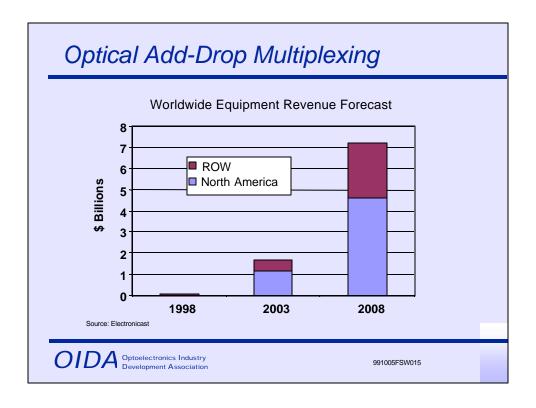












#### Communications Roadmap Summary

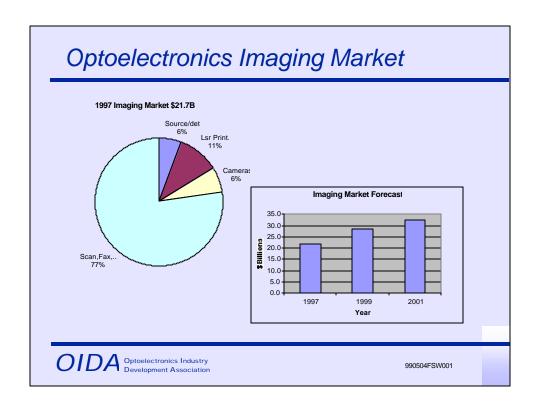
#### Key Points

- Total fiber capacity will reach 10Tb/s by 2005
- ➤ The number of DWDM channels will rise to 500 or more
- Optical packet switching and other all optical functions will emerge over the next few years
- Transceiver costs will fall and low cost integrated components will emerge, opening new markets

#### ■ Major Efforts Needed

- ➤ High bit rate TDM
- Wavelength control for narrowly spaced channels
- All optical network equipment
- Integration and cost reduction of modules





# Market Drivers for Imaging

- Increased SOHO use of imaging equipment
- Growth of peripherals and multifunction equipment
- Increasing use of digital still camera
  - Growing personal use as a "digital hobby"
- Advanced Imaging Capabilities
  - New applications emerging for military, automotive, and other large markets



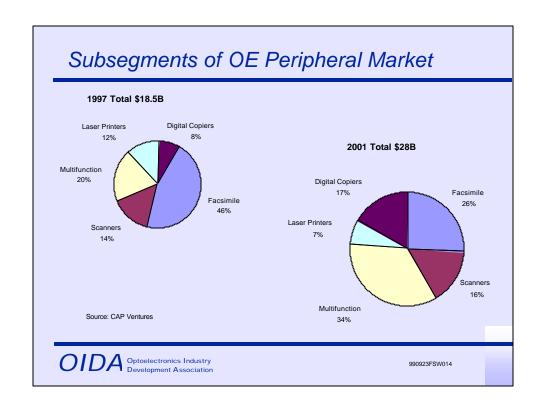
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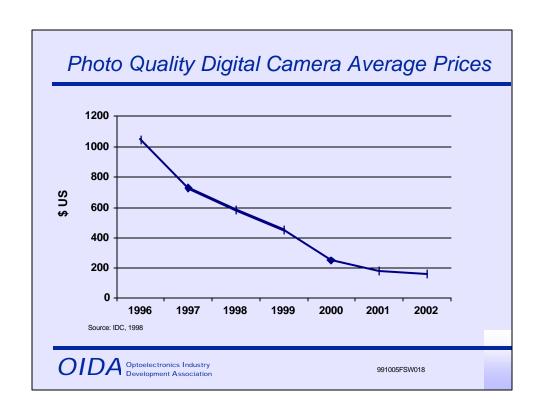
#### The Small Office/Home Office

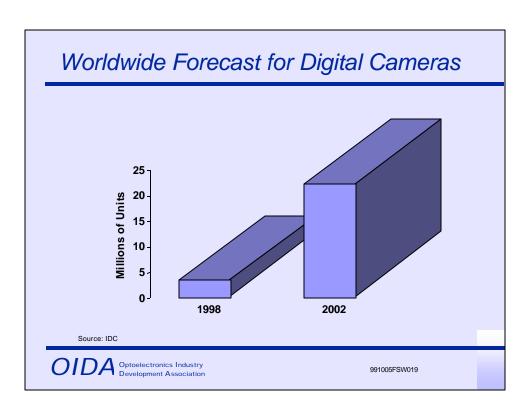
- SOHO is the fastest-growing business environment
  - Defined as businesses with less than 20 employees
- Small business demographics
  - ➤ 41.3 Million people in 1999
  - ➤ Growing to 51.6 Million by 2002
  - ➤ 13% of Inc. Magazine's top 500 list of fastest growing companies have less than 20 employees
- 55% of SOHO owners purchased a computer within the last two years
  - Follow-on purchases of printers, scanners, etc., will benefit optoelectronics

Source: IDC Research









## Advanced Imaging Opportunities

#### Findings of OIDA's Advanced Imaging Workshop:

- Higher spatial resolution for digital images will be possible and cost effective
- Fusing images in different spectral ranges will allow visualization of new details
- Signal processing will enable intelligent tracking and improved vision
- Miniature cameras with a high degree of integration and low cost will emerge

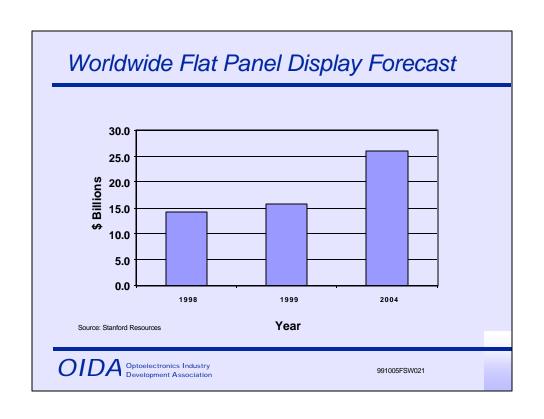


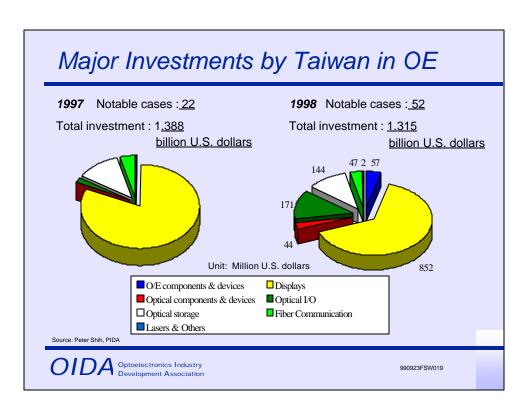
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#### Drivers for the Flat Panel Display Market

- Growth of Portable Computers
- Increasing use of hand-held devices
- Reduced costs for flat panel monitors



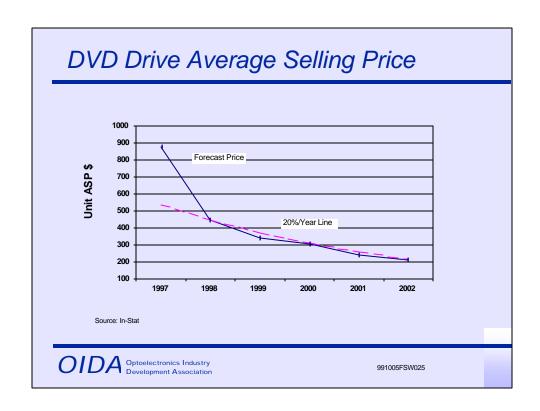


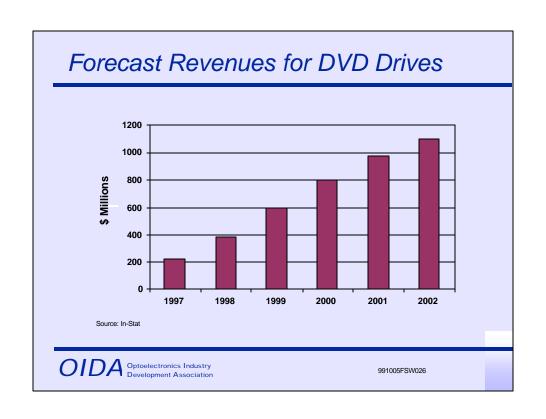


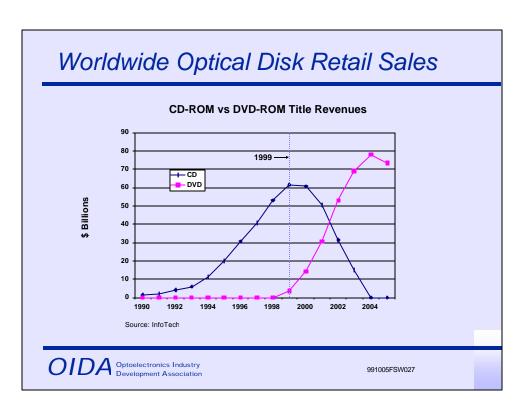
# Optical Storage Drivers

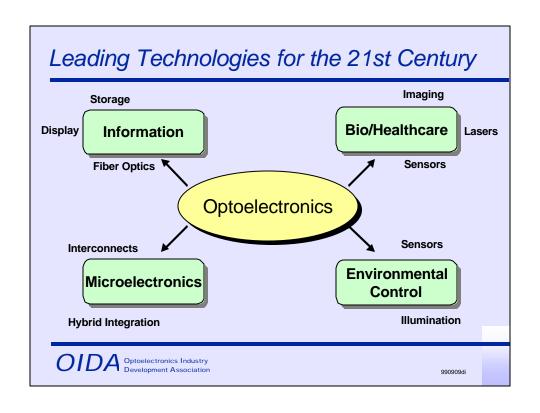
- Optical Disk for Software Distribution
- The Recordable CD is here
- Continued Entertainment Disk Growth
- The DVD Finally!

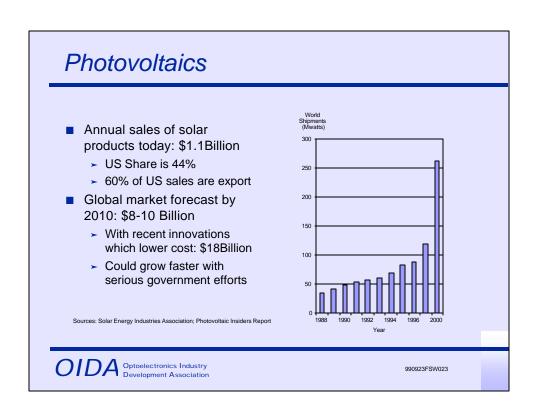


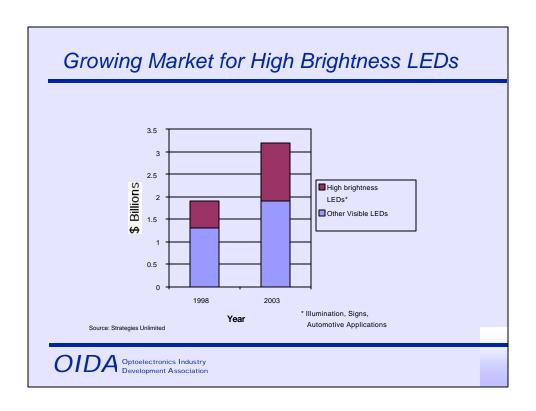












## Market Summary

- The worldwide optoelectronics market continues to expand
- Revenues for most segments are growing at double digit rates
- Optoelectronics is benefiting from the expanding information age
- The US is strongest in communications, but has significant shares in other applications as well
- Numerous emerging applications promise continued growth



### Key Issues for Competitiveness

- A strong manufacturing infrastructure and efficient production is critical to successfully capture and maintain market share
- Large targeted capital investments are required for high volume markets
- Significant price erosion 12 to 15% or more is the norm for optoelectronics products



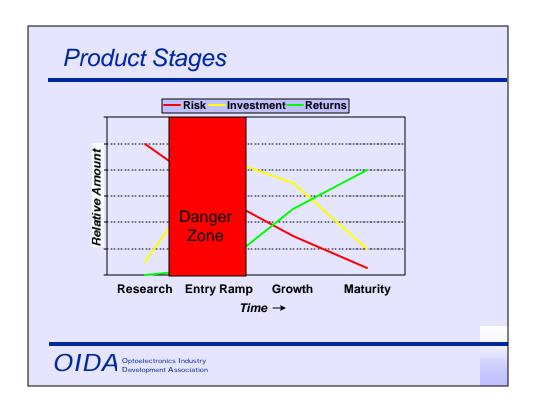
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### Manufacturing is Important

- The Optoelectronics-enabled worldwide equipment market is an estimated \$80B
  - ➤ The components portion is about 25%
- Optoelectronics is the underpinning of Information Age and Military Technologies
  - Also: Transportation, Entertainment, Medicine, Industrial applications, Consumer appliances

The largest markets require high-volume low-cost manufacture





## Cooperation vs. Competition

- Common NeedsCooperative Opportunity
  - Design tools
  - Basic processes
  - Test methods and equipment
  - Parts and materials
  - Standards
  - ➤ Training and education

- Proprietary ActivitiesThe Competitive Edge
  - > Product design
  - Product enhancements
  - Manufacturing efficiency improvements
  - ➤ Supply line management
  - > Applications assistance
  - Market introduction/trials

☆Competition is mostly based on *Product*, not *Process* 



### Conclusion

- Optoelectronics is a thriving worldwide industry
- North America's relative market share is growing
- A strong infrastructure in manufacturing, research and product development is key to sustaining growth
- Cooperative programs in pre-competitive high-risk technologies, like ATP's program in photonics manufacturing, can help

